

## REHEARSAL.

1. The Gun-powder-Plot Day. More Cruel Death Intended by some.
2. I mean not the Old Puritans.
3. It is in the *Observer* Review'd. But not yet told.
4. Why I engag'd with former *Observer*, and not till now with this.
5. His *Mis-representation of Affairs in Scotland*. With a Short Account of the *Rabbeling of the Clergy* there, in the year 1688. And what Remedy the *Convention* gave them. The *White Regiment*, and Mr. Tol—d.

WEDNESDAY, November 5th. 1707.

(1.) *Country-man*. **T**his is a Day wherein Treasons were Discover'd. And may they all be Discover'd in time, and Prevented hereafter. Now what have you to say, Master, suitable to the Occasion?

*Rehearsal*. I have something to tell you more Cruel than Death, than the Gunpowder-Death Design'd, Except the Quality of the Persons Concern'd. For Gun-powder do's its work all at once, and we are soon out of Pain. But a Lingring Death is more Cruel, tho' it makes not so much Noise; when a man can See Death Marching on, and Taste it, and Feel it in every Part: This is many Deaths, and gives Death all its Pomp: It Feeds his Eyes, as well as Fills his Maw: He Epicurizes, and Smacks at every Bit of us, but when he comes in Cannon-Bullet he has but one Gulp.

*Country-m*. What Terrible Death is this you are Discribing? Come, don't Imitate it, and keep me in Suspence, let me know what you mean by all this.

*Rehearsal*. I have more to say yet, it is a Death which has not done when you are Dead, but Chews the Cud, and brings you up again, to be Devour'd afresh every Moment. And this for Ages together, even to the End of the World.

*Country-m*. This is Greedy-Death indeed! And next to Eternal Death!

*Rehearsal*. Nay, with all this it will Persuade you, that it do's you no Harm, that it is Kind to you, and will Boast of its Great Moderation.

*Country-m*. This is Insulting even beyond Death! Ther is some Relief in Pity, tho' it cannot Help us. But you Exclude all Mercy. But sure you cannot give an Instance of any thing like this, in any Man Alive, at least among Christians?

(2.) *Rehearsal*. Yes, *Country-man*, among those who Call themselves the Purest Christians, whence they had once the Name of Puritans.

*Country-m*. Don't bring in your Old Stories. That Age is Past and gon. They'll tell you Rake into Former Days, and can talk of Nothing but Forty One, or the Times before it. I said, That no Man Alive cou'd be Charg'd with all this Discription of Cruelty you have given.

(3.) *Rehearsal*. I know not whether he is Alive or not. He calls himself Review'd that is, the Ghost of the late *Observer*.

*Country-m*. O, is it he you mean? you'll get no Honour in Meddling with him. You have taken no Notice of him hitherto, tho' he has Pelted you in all his Papers; he wou'd fain have you come out and Play with him a little, as you did sometimes with his Predecessor. He thinks it wou'd give him Credit.

(4.) *Rehearsal*. Ther was a Reason for my Engaging with Tutchin, De Foe, &c. at the Beginning, that I might gain my self to be heard, when I came to speak of Serious Matters, which was not to be done without a little Fooling at first, to Draw in those unthinking People, who are Pleas'd with nothing else. But that is now pretty well over; and I wou'd not bear the Drudgery longer than it was Necessary. Therefor as I turn'd off the Old *Observer* in time, at Num. 50. of the first Volume, I intended not to Dirty my self with his Successors, who go on in the same Track of Nonsense and Slander.

(5.) But the Case I am now upon is so Moving, and the Mischief this Mis-representer may do is so Apparent, in misleading many

many People who know not the Matter, that I cou'd no longer forbear. The Case in short is this. We all Know and Feel the Lamentable Downfal of *Episcopacy* in Scotland since the Revolution. And that it might never Rise again, the Design was to get Rid of the *Episcopal Clergy* then alive: And the *Universities* and *Schools* being put into the Hands of the *Kirk*, they wou'd take Care ther shou'd be no Succession. The first Step was to Holloo the Armed Rabble upon the *Episcopal Clergy* in the *Western Shires*, where most of the *Presbyterians* grow. These put the *Clergy* under *Military Execution*, and turn'd them out not only of their Churches, but their *Houses*, and the very *Clouths* on their *Backs*, and some of them out of their *Lives* too. And to be *Profanely Witty* in their *Malice*, they began this Rabbling upon *Christmash-Day* 1688. In this Dismal Condition the *Clergy* sent Dr. Scot Dean of *Glasgow*, who with Dr. Fall Principal of the *College* of *Glasgow*, now *Precentor* of *Tork*, did Represent to the *Prince of Orange* then at *London*, the Deplo- rable Circumstances of the *Clergy* in these Parts, and Pray'd his *Highness's* Protection, the Government in Scotland being Dissolv'd, or in the utmost Confusion, upon the late *King* having withdrawn himself. And they had the greater Reason to Expect the Pro- tection at least of that *Prince*, because that in his Declaration to Scotland, Dated at the *Hague* the 10th. of *October* 1688, he faith- fully Promised to Preserve their Church, as then by Law Establish'd, from any Alteration. And said it was the Chief end of his com- ing hither: But all the Answer he gave to this Representation of the *Clergy* was to Re- fer them to the next Convention or Meet- ing of *Estates*, as they Call'd it there, which did not meet till the 14th. of *March* fol- lowing: In all which time the Rabble Rang'd with full Licence. And made a shift to Mob about three hundred *Clergy-Men* out of their Churches, in a most Barbarous man- ner hardly to be Equall'd in any Age, of which we had large and full Accounts Prin- ted here at that time, with undeniable Vouchers.

Country-m. I remember to have seen some of them, and they were Terrible indeed! But I suppose when the Convention met, that Honourable Assembly did Punish the Ring-leaders of that Brutal Mob, and Re- stored those *Clergy-Men* who had been so Barbarously Treated to their Churches again, whence they had been so Violently and Il- legally thrust out.

Rebears. So one wou'd have Expected from any but moderate *Presbyterians*! But Country- man, it was so far from that, That by their Act, 13. April 1689, they deny'd the Pro- tection of the Government to those *Clergy-*

Men who had been Rabbl'd before that Day, and were not then in Possession of their Churches. And, being turn'd into a Parliament, by their Act 7. June 1690, they Declar'd those Rabbl'd *Clergy* to have De- serted their Churches, and therefore Adjudg'd them to be *Vacant*; And Order'd the *Pres- byterian* Ministers, who had been Inducted into them by the Mob, to Continue their Possession, and have Right to the Benefices and Stipends, according to their Entry in the Year 1689. And they Return'd Thanks and Bibles to the Mob for their Zeal! But the Mob of *Glasgow* having more Eminently Distin- guish'd themselves in this Rabbling of the *Clergy*, particular Favours were Granted to that City by the 15 Act of 2 Sess. of 1. Parl. of K. W. and Q. M. as it is Express'd in the Act, for the Zeal of the Community of the said City for the Protestant Religion. This City is Famous for what they call the *White Regiment* there, that is, of *Women* (*Maggie Steen* the Colonel) who Dragg'd the *Episcopal Minister* out of the Church there, in such an Undecent Manner as is not fit to be Nam'd; but it Cost him his Life. Mr. Tol- d, then a Student in the University there, can tell us a great deal of these mat- ters, if he please; for I am Inform'd that he was a Principle Agent and Promoter on the side of the *White Regiment*: So early he began with the Church! And the New Ob- servator lays himself out to Vindicate these Doings, which has oblig'd me to mention them. And I shall disprove him further in my next, and shew his wicked Design.

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